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## YOU HAVE JUST GOT TO HAND IT TO GOVERNOR ART

For He Can Put Almost Any Old Thing Over and More Than Once at That

Now the Taxpayers Are Keeping Him Flying In His Two High-powered Buicks

You have just got to hand it to Art Hyde, Missouri's present governor. That smooth little fellow just lays it over any of 'em at any time that he tries—and gets away with it. Art now supports two splendid Buick machines—that is he partially supports them—for the taxpayers of the great state of Missouri are just now finding out that it is they that are paying all of the bills for them, as Missouri's governor pays no attention to regulations made and provided—but just goes straight ahead and buys his illegal expense bills through—and the dear people pay them—yes, Art is a wonder!

For some time the Kansas City Post has been a "trifle suspicious" of the governor's expense bills, and accordingly sent R. E. Holloway of its Jefferson City bureau to investigate. Here is what he found—read his own story:

**All Bills to State**

"That the state within the last few months has paid more than \$500 for automobile accessories, repairs and gasoline to equip and operate the private automobiles of Governor Arthur M. Hyde, was revealed here Saturday in an investigation of accounts in the office of State Auditor George Hackmann. One of the largest bills was that of the Trenton Buick company.

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**Dolls 'Em Up**

"The governor has two Buick automobiles, one a touring car and the other a sedan.

"Apparently one of them was 'dolled up' to a queen's taste, judging from the items of the following bill paid by the state this week to the Trenton Buick company.

"The items include: Diamond bar bumper, \$14; pair weed chains, \$7.50; motorometer, \$7.50; Sunbeam visor, \$16; 34x4 1/4 cord tire, \$54.90; 34x4 1/2 tube, \$5.60; set rear snubbers, \$12.

"The bill totaled \$117.50, but a notation of 15 per cent discount or \$17.60 had been written on the bill with a pencil.

"It was approved for \$99.90 by the governor and charged to the 'mansion current expenses.'

"The items were furnished July 13 and the bill rendered September 16.

"A warrant is waiting at the auditor's office in favor of the Heisinger Motor company of this city for \$22.80 for supplies furnished the governor. The items are \$7 for piston pins and \$15 for a lubricating system.

**For Cord Tires**

"The Heisinger Motor company several months ago purchased the Cole County Automotive company which the governor had formed to sell Buick automobiles in this and surrounding counties.

"Another account was paid to the Trenton Buick company for \$5.88 on June 9.

"The bill was charged to the Trenton Buick company by the Buick Motor company of Kansas City for a piece of glass for an automobile door. The invoice was marked 'express to

Governor Hyde and had been approved by him as a charge against the mansion fund.

"The 'PM' garage of this city was paid \$52.95 for a cord tire and tube on July 9. C. C. Miller of this city was paid \$52.95 for a cord tire and tube August 9.

**Plenty of Gasoline**

"The first automobile supplies the state bought for the governor's private machines was last January. On January 12, two days after the governor's inauguration, the Simons garage of this city charged \$5 for four rubber mats. The following day a pair of chain adjusters were bought for \$1.50 and a pair of weed chains for \$7.50. January 21 a pair of lenses were bought for \$3.75. The bill totaled \$17.75 and was charged against 'mansion contingent.'

"The Central garage of this city was paid \$34.61 for accessories and supplies furnished in March, April, May and June. One of the items was repairing a horn of the governor's car.

"The public can get some idea of how freely the taxpayers' money is being spent for gasoline to operate the governor's private machine from the bills paid the Standard Oil company. The gasoline has been bought through the system of coupon books, which sell for \$25 each. The coupons are delivered to the governor's chauffeur and the bills paid from mansion 'contingent expenses.'

**On His Vacation Trip**

"Here are the items paid the Standard Oil company: April 27, \$41.13; May 7, \$25; June 8, \$25; June 10, \$25; July 6, \$75; September, \$25. The governor has used his machine in making a number of trips throughout the state. He drove overland on his vacation trip to Roaring River in the Ozarks in August. On his return from southwest Missouri he drove to his former home at Trenton.

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Rather nifty little scheme, isn't it? and it works so nicely, especially in view of the governor's pre-campaign speeches dealing with "economy and regularity."

**TO FORM A MONSTER BAND**

C. W. Welty and Hugh McNutt have been busy all week on their new project to organize the bands of Troy, DeKalb, the Stuver, Halla, Avenue City, Agency and Savannah, into one immense organization and be prepared to give this community what it needs—a mammoth musical organization. The two are meeting with great success, and the organization is assured.

**CO. M SURVIVORS HOLD A BANQUET**

Former members of Co. M of the 139th infantry enjoyed a banquet at Hotel Robidoux Monday night, at which time a local social organization was formed, which will be known as the Association of St. Joseph M Company 139th Infantrymen. Frank J. Kilgore was elected president and Vincent Carby secretary and treasurer.

The park campaign will close with a big rally at the Locust at 8 o'clock tonight. Louis T. Golding will preside, and the speakers will be Rev. E. A. Bolger, Judge Chas. H. Mayer, Dr. John F. Caskey and others.

## WORK ON THE BREAKS

Congressman Faust and Commerce Club Directors Meet Engineers and Inspect Work.

Congressman Faust and Chairman Platt of the rivers committee of the Commerce Club led a party of Commerce Club directors who met the government engineers in charge of the work being done here, at the works on Tuesday, and inspected the work that has been done. The first step in the reconstruction of the leveetment work south of the Grand Island bridge was completed Tuesday when a 1000 foot willow mat was sunk, and securely anchored in the bed of the river.

Thirty-five thousand of the fifty thousand dollars secured by Congressman Faust from the government is being used on the work below the Grand Island bridge. The other \$15,000 will be used at Belmont Bend, where it will now be a drop in the bucket. "Pillow Eddy" is not likely to get anything from this fund.

## FIRST ANNUAL BAZAAR

Zoroaster Grotto Entertaining the People in the Old Lyric Theater.

The first annual bazaar being conducted by the Zoroaster Grotto, in the old Lyric Theater Building, Sixth and Edmond, is being liberally patronized. The bazaar started Thursday evening of this week and will conclude Saturday evening. Lunches, ice cream and cold drinks, cigars, candy, and various articles of bric-a-brac, dolls, etc., are sold at various booths, which are very attractively decorated for the occasion. A real "old-fashioned" dinner is being served from 11 a. m. until 2 p. m. each day. Dancing and amusements are indulged in from 8:30 to 11:30 each evening.

## LAND CONSTRUCTION CO. ONLY BIDDER

When the board of public works opened bids for paving Frederick Avenue Tuesday, there was one bid found in the hopper, it being that of the Land Construction Co., who bid \$6.14 a square yard for the work. This is 19 cents per square yard lower than the Littlejohn bid, and the Land people make no restrictions or demands. This would cost the property owners about \$65,000 and the street railway \$40,000—and no jockey owners are now around clamoring to pay that amount.

## ST. JOSEPH ENDED IN FIFTH PLACE

At Oklahoma City Sunday the St. Joseph base ball team brought their season to a close with a double header with Oklahoma City, winning the first game 5 to 4, and losing the last 6 to 4. The close of the season found St. Joseph in fifth place, with Wichita winning the pennant, and Omaha second, Oklahoma City third, Sioux City fourth, Joplin sixth, Des Moines seventh, and Tulsa the fall enders.

## CHANCE AND RICHARDSON NABBED

When Claude Chance and Lloyd Richardson, the latter of whom lives at 522 South Seventeenth street, tried to sell a Haynes touring car Monday, they were placed under arrest by two police detectives. On Wednesday chief of police Kaiser and Sheriff Ferrell, both of Sedalia, arrived here and took the two back to Sedalia to answer to the charge of stealing the car.

## DR. BAUMAN "KILLS" A BIRD

Doctors are not in the habit of killing things, but once in awhile they do—accidentally. Sunday afternoon Dr. Bauman was on the Country Club golf links and hit his ball for the first hole. The ball while on the way struck a yellowhammer and killed it. In 1915 George C. Wiehl while playing on the same course hit his ball and it struck and impaled the bill of a red head woodpecker, killing it.

## DUSENBURY BROS. WILL DIG FOR OIL

By the first of next week the drill and other oil boring machinery will be on hand for the Dusenbury Bros., at their Dearborn location, and active work of drilling for gas and oil will begin near that place. The Dusenbury's hold a big lot of the territory in the Dearborn neighborhood, and their leases will cover about all prospects that are now available.

A rate of a fare and a half for the stock show next week is announced by the railroads. It applies to an eighty-three mile radius for St. Joseph.

## TRYING A SMOOTH GAME IN OLD VIRGINIA

THE COLORED MAN AND BROTHER IS TO BE GIVEN THE WORST OF IT

IN EITHER WAY IN WHICH HE MAY TAKE IT

When the Republicans held their Convention in Richmond they loudly proclaimed that the GOP Organization is to be a White Man's Party and Refused to Admit Their Former Allies and Chief Helpers to the Convention Hall But When the Convention Met He Was Taken to Their Arms—Figuratively.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 27.—(Special News Correspondence.)—In Virginia there is a state election this fall to elect a governor and various other state officers, and the vacancy is to be filled in the Fifth congressional district. The National Republican committee thinks it sees a chance to break into the South and has elaborated a skillful campaign backed with abundant funds. The state organization has set its own trap to catch the voters "coming and going." When they held their recent convention in Richmond they loudly proclaimed that the party is to be a white man's party, and refused to admit negroes to the hall. This to catch white votes. They smoothed the feelings of the negroes by citing to a state law forbidding mixed assemblies. The law is an old one and has never been enforced in such cases in the past.

But inside the convention it was different. The platform adopted on which the Republicans make their campaign pledges the party to the

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## THE CAMPAIGN IS LIVELY

Crimping the Rent Profiting Hogs Who Use Park Election as a Club.

One of the best things that the committee which has in charge the park extension election is doing is the putting of the crimp into the rent profiteering hogs, and those landlords who sought to array their tenants against the park propositions by threatening them with a raise in rent if the park propositions carried. All of these gentrils were notified by the committee of One Hundred that they would have their names printed in the newspapers as rent hog profiteers if they persisted, and as the landlords knew that the committee would make good their word, they at once desisted and told their tenants there would be no raise.

The campaign is being waged with great vigor for the park by the committee in charge who hold not only daily but nightly meetings and are flooding the city with park literature, which seems to have its effect. The anti is also busy at work and letting no grass grow under their feet.

## RUNNING DOWN ST. JOSEPH

In the afternoon paper of Wednesday is a front page story detailing how a Kansas City man stood around the Robidoux hotel that day and told of how much better Kansas City was than St. Joseph and created thirty different things that Kansas City had which St. Joseph did not possess—and the St. Joseph boosters are supposed, according to the afternoon sheet, to have stood around and agreed with all of this abuse for St. Joseph. There are just three propositions that apply in this bumping St. Joseph tale, viz:

No such conversation took place. Any real St. Joseph man would have resented it.

It is just a common very common lie.

**MRS. JOHN D. PRESTON CALLED**

On Monday the certain, repeated Mrs. Lila A. Preston, wife of John D. Preston, president of the Preston Supply Company, her death taking place at the family home, 3015 Felix, after a prolonged illness. She was fifty-eight years of age and came to this city in 1893 when she married Mr. Preston. She had been a member of the First Baptist church for twenty years. She is survived by her husband, three daughters and two sons: Miss Senora Preston, Harry T. and John D. Preston, Jr., St. Joseph; Mrs. Jerry Adair and Mrs. Vern W. Bailey, Los Angeles. Three sisters also survive Mrs. Preston, Mrs. A. L. Washburn, Hackburn, Mo., and Mrs. Harry Norwood and Mrs. B. M. Barbee, St. Joseph.

## ON 100 PER CENT BASIS

Assessors Are Ordered to See That Nothing Is Assessed Below Its Full Value.

Chairman Roy H. Monier of the state tax commission, and J. T. Waddell, a special agent of the same body, met the assessors of a number of the northwest counties at the court house Wednesday and told them that no matter how they felt about it, all property in the state should be assessed at its full value—"nothing else goes," said the chairman in addressing the assessors present—which is "good news." Those present were:

John M. Crawford, Buchanan county; M. C. Wachtel, Andrew county; J. C. Walker, Clinton county; Thomas W. McConnell, Clay county; W. A. Bunker, Jackson county; Fred R. Rollins, Platte county; C. E. Buckley, Atchison county; Frank Proffitt, Ray county; P. W. Ramsey, Holt county; G. T. Foutz, Worth county, and R. O. Shipp, chief deputy assessor of Jackson county.

## THE TARIFF BILL IS GIVING THEM TROUBLE

REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMEN DO NOT WANT IT TINKERED WITH AT PRESENT

FOR THEY SEE WHERE IT MIGHT BRING DEFEAT

With the Agreement by the Department of Labor That There Are Nearly Six Million Men Out of Employment Comes the Further Statement That the Silk Hosiery Business Is Looking Up But It Does Not State Whether It Is Politically or Wearably.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—(Special Correspondence.)—After a month's unbroken holiday, Congress is again in session with practically all its important bills set to be done, and President Harding, refreshed by new golfing and cruising experiences, has returned from his latest vacation.

The tax revision bill as rewritten by the Senate is just reported in that body and will be the subject of long debate while business feverishly waits. The Republican campaign promise to reduce taxes, therefore, has not been kept, and, according to Senator Smoot (Rep., Utah), an authority on taxation, will not and cannot be kept. The tax bill, in its present shape, is no more satisfactory than it was as it passed the House and is certain of the opposition of some Republican senators.

By general consent the tariff bill, through which the Republicans were going to restore prosperity at once, must wait perhaps until the very last. According to the newspaper recognized here as President Harding's mouthpiece, many returning congressmen are of the opinion it ought to be

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## MORE JAIL NEEDED

Sheriff Kueker Getting Ready to Take Care of His Additional Company.

Sheriff Kueker this week purchased twenty-four new mattresses and a like number of pairs of blankets for the jail, in order to care for his increased patronage. Those who said prohibition depleted jails have another think or two coming. Sheriff Kueker now has eighty prisoners at his hotel.

It is going to go pretty hard with some of the aesthetic prisoners who have been sent there by the federal court last week—and more to come. The sheriff feels his prisoners twice as much as a. m. and 3 p. m. and the with the present high prices in calculated to satisfy an epicure, if it is wholesome and well prepared.

## MUST NOT COVER STAMPS WITH MUCILAGE

It has come to the attention that when affixing stamps to mail matter, particularly of the fourth class (parcel post), in payment of postage thereon, it is the practice of some persons and concerns to cover the face of the stamps with the mucilage or other paste used in attaching stamps and labels to the matter. This is not permissible as the stamps can not be properly defaced and loss of revenue may result through the possible re-use of the stamps. Postmasters shall, therefore, advise patrons who follow the objectionable practice that it should be discontinued.

## POLICE CHIEF STOPS K K K FROM ORGANIZING

TAKES ACTION TO CLOSE THE WORK WHICH WAS WELL UNDER WAY

AMERICAN LEGION ALSO TAKES HAND IN MATTER

Malcolm Macdonald Post Rooms Had Been Hired For An Organization Meeting on Wednesday Night But the Securing of a Letter of Invitation Sent to One of the Prospective Members by Chief of Police Macdonald Put An End to Further Organization Efforts That Night.

There is something hypnotic about the mystic K. K. K., which symbolizes the organization known as the Ku-Klux Klan—and that brings to its folds just on that account many members—and generally keeps the ranks full—for the organization has flourished for many, many years in the South, where it was organized at the close of the civil strife and where its membership is yet very large, and now it is beginning to take a strong hold in the northern, eastern and western states. It had made quite a step toward organization in this city, until Wednesday when a card of invitation on the back of which was printed a pledge, was handed to Chief of Police Col. Clay C. Macdonald, who at once took steps to put an end to all prospects for a meeting for the purpose of organization being held in St. Joseph. This card with its pledge fell into the chief's hands after arrangements had been made by interested parties to secure Malcolm Macdonald Post hall in the King Hill building for an alleged organization place.

The hall had been rented from A. J. Brunwig, Jr., of the house committee. When Chief Macdonald and a dozen or more members of the Legion called on him and told Brunwig what they suspected the meeting was for, he cancelled the date and refunded the money.

**Many Had Gathered**

At the time of the meeting a great many people, mostly young men and men past middle age, had drifted toward the building and looked up at the lighted post rooms but seemed to be afraid to start in. They were soon informed by a squad detailed by Chief Macdonald that there would be no meeting there that night. On the other hand a man who circulated through the crowd told them that the meeting would be held at the St. Francis hotel in one of the main dining rooms, and the crowd moved over that way, going rather cautiously, however.

By the time it reached the St. Francis, Austin Smith, the proprietor of the hotel, had been notified and he too at once cancelled the dining room permit that one of the clerks had given to a stranger who was brought in by W. E. Wakeman of the Townsend-Ueberlein Clothing Company's force, and refused to allow it to be held there. Wakeman claims that he had no knowledge of what sort of a meeting was to be held when he went to the clerk with the alleged permit. Nothing further in the way of holding a meeting was attempted after the St. Francis project failed that night. It was said that the organizer had left the city after the last attempt failed.

**Many Prominent People**

It was remarked that there were many very prominent people in the crowd who sought to attend the meeting at the legion rooms, two county officials, one prominent city officer, two bankers and a score of professional men, several of them of more than ordinary standing, being in the first crowd to start toward the meeting, but when the legion room was refused, these prominent made themselves scarce.

Coincident with this movement, two business men of the city were the recipients of alleged Ku-Klux Klan letters warning them to desist in their campaign for the success of the city park propositions.

John Wunderlich, who is in charge of the campaign, received the first of these letters warning him to desist, but he paid no attention to it.

Oscar A. Nash, the well known wall paper and furniture dealer on Ninth and Frederick Avenue, also received a threatening letter giving him notice to cease his activities, but neither of these letters it is figured had any connection with the attempt to organize a Klan here, neither are they taken seriously in any other way. It is thought they are the work of boys

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## HE SLOUGHED 'ER DOWN

Jack Corcoran May Have Been a Graceful Driver But No One Knew It.

Friday night about 8 o'clock, Jack Corcoran, a South St. Joseph young man who prides himself on the "dextrous grace" with which he can handle an automobile, swung—as he thought—gracefully around the corner at Twenty-fifth and Jule streets and as he thought proceeded west—but in reality he sloughed full tilt into the voting booth at that point and made a sorry wreck of it.

Registrar Schultz and a voter were in the booth at the time and both escaped luckily with a few bruises and cuts, but the entire voting booth was wrecked beyond repair. Corcoran's car was upset in the mix-up and he was thrown out, landing far from "gracefully" and unfortunately he escaped without even a good shaking up or skinning.

## THE FINAL SESSION

Old Veterans Cancel Their Night Meetings and Will Meet Hereafter in Afternoon.

That was a solemn meeting held Thursday night by a number of the members of Custer Post No. 7, G. A. R., at their hall at Seventh and Charles streets. It was of that nature from the reason that the old veterans had decided that on account of their advancing ages, it was not best to hold further night meetings, but to hold them each Monday afternoon, at the same hall.

For over forty years the members of this post have met regularly in this hall, no matter what the condition of the weather, and there has never been a quorum absent or a meeting missed. Capt. John Harnois is the only remaining charter member of the post, which now has 150 members.

**HEARD THE ST. JOSEPH GAS CASE**

Alva F. Lindsay, city counselor, and Culver, Phillip & Voorhees represented the city; Col. W. E. Stringfellow the St. Joseph Gas Co.; J. W. Dana the Kansas City Gas Co., and J. A. Hartfelt the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce at the hearing of the people of St. Joseph against the St. Joseph Gas Co., in which natural gas for this city or a reduction of exorbitant gas rates were asked for, at the hearing held at the city hall Thursday and Friday by J. A. Kurtz, chairman, and Noah Simpson, member of the state public utilities commission. The Kansas City Gas Co. and the Chamber of Commerce of that place are interpleaders, who claim that if St. Joseph is given natural gas, it will interfere with their supply and render it inadequate. Every detail of the matter was thrashed out and the commission took the case over for further hearing at Jefferson City.

## FOUR ROBBED THE STORE AT MECCA

Special officers Ed Eads, O. F. Dowell and John Hughes of the Burlington were driving toward Saxton at 2 o'clock Thursday morning in Eads' car, when a Ford car passed them at a high rate of speed. It looked suspicious, and Eads turned his car and giving chase, caught up with them, other car shortly after, when it blew out a tire. In the car were L. H. McRae, C. H. Rice and Georgia Rice, all of this city, and Guy W. Rice of Plattsburg. The car contained a large amount of goods, all of which had been taken from Bert Shannon's store at Mecca, a small place a short distance south of Plattsburg. The Shannon store was burglarized early that night, and also a school house near Grayson was entered and fountain pens and a watch stolen. Plattsburg authorities came and took the prisoners to Plattsburg. The men made a confession.

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